

**U.S Embassy Dakar, Senegal**  
**Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens**

SUBJECT: Planned Demonstrations for Friday, December 23  
December 22, 2011

This message is to inform U.S. citizens in Senegal of upcoming demonstrations in Dakar. On Friday, December 23, both pro and opposition political parties have planned political rallies in Dakar. The location for the pro-government rally is on the Voie de Deggement Nord (VDN) at the Parti Democratique Senegalais (PDS) headquarters. It is currently scheduled for 3 p.m. The opposition has also scheduled a rally for 3 p.m. at the Place d'Obelisque. Large crowds are expected in the area of PDS headquarters on the VDN. The VDN is likely to be closed to traffic either officially or due to the sheer volume of people by early afternoon. The crowds at Place d'Obelisque are expected to be smaller, but the area will be extremely congested. U.S. citizens are urged to avoid planned demonstration areas..

U.S. citizens should also continue to exercise caution when travelling on the Corniche and Rue de Ouakam in the area of the university as students continue to conduct periodic protests. Student demonstrators have shown a willingness to block traffic, clash with police, and damage passing vehicles.

While most demonstrations in Senegal are non-violent, the potential for violence exists, particularly in this period prior to the planned Presidential elections in February 2012. U.S. citizens should avoid political gatherings and alter routes to avoid planned demonstration areas. U.S. citizens are encouraged to stay current with media coverage of local events, and practice good situational awareness while moving about Senegal at all times. U.S. citizens should modify travel plans to account for protests and/or ensuing delays in affected areas.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Dakar web site (<http://dakar.usembassy.gov/>). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warning, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information ([http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1013.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1013.html)). Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well or you can download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App for travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Senegal or Guinea Bissau, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) (<https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP

up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to [consulardakar@state.gov](mailto:consulardakar@state.gov) . The Embassy telephone number is +221 33 829-2100. For After Hours Emergency, please call Tel: 33-829-2209 and ask to speak to the duty officer.